

House Resolution No. 3890

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened by the death of Lance Corporal Erik Heldt, originally from Hermann, while on active duty in Iraq on Thursday, June 16, 2005; and

Whereas, Corporal Erik Heldt was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force based at Camp Pendleton, California, and was attached to 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force in Iraq as a part of Operation Iraqi Freedom at the time of his death while on a combat mission near Ar Ramadi; and

Whereas, Erik Heldt was a 1997 graduate of Hermann High School where he was active in school clubs and played football and basketball, and he attended Missouri Valley College in Marshall prior to joining the United States Marine Corps on January 27, 2003; and

Whereas, noted for his sense of humor, discipline, and dedication, Erik Heldt was on his second tour of duty in Iraq and had earned the Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; and

Whereas, Erik Heldt was the son of Gary and Patty Heldt and the husband of the former Crystal Kicker who works as a Registered Nurse at Children's Hospital in San Diego, California, near where her husband was stationed; and

Whereas, other surviving members of the family include Erik Heldt's daughter, Taylor, and his two older brothers, Matt and Chris; and

Whereas, a confirmed and baptized member of Saint Paul United Church of Christ, Erik Heldt was trained as a machine gun operator on a humvee and was the first Hermann soldier to lose his life in combat since World War II:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the sacrifices associated with the life and work of Erik Heldt and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his many family members, friends, neighbors, and colleagues who now miss his considerable strength, warmth, and light in their daily lives; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Lance Corporal Erik Heldt of the United States Marine Corps.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Sutherland
District No. 99

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3890, adopted June 29, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker